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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO
AFRICAN PRESIDENTS

REF: LONDON 828

1. UKHICOM MILES TOLD ME JAN 21 HE HAD DELIVERED
MESSAGE FROM BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN TO
PRESIDENT KAUNDA PRIOR TO LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR INDIA.
CALLAGHAN CONFIRMED HE NOT RPT NOT PREPARED TO SET DATE
FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN MID-MARCH AS IT
WOULD BE NEITHER CREDIBLE NOR SENSIBLE IN
VIEW OF CURRENT SITUATION IN RHODESIA IN WHICH
PARTIES TO SETTLEMENT HAVE NOT YET ENGAGED IN
DIRECT, MEANINGFUL TALKS WITH ONE ANOTHER.

2. IF SOME PROGRESS SEEN IN THIS DIRECTION
CALLAGHAN SAID HE PREPARED TO SEND HIS EMISSARIES
CAMPBELL AND MCNALLY OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO
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RHODESIA TO CONSULT ON DEVELOPMENTS AND TO FOLLOW

THIS UP WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL OBSERVER
OFFICE IN SALISBURY.

3. SIMILAR MESSAGE ALONG SAME LINES ALSO SENT TO
PRESIDENTS NYERERE AND SERETSE KHAMA.

4. MILES CONFIRMED THAT SAG FONMIN MULLER HAD SEEN
CALLAGHAN IN LONDON AND REPORTED FEELING IN PRETORIA
THAT IAN SMITH WAS BEING UNNECESSARILY STUBBORN AND
HOLDING UP FORWARD MOVEMENT. SAG LEANING ON HIM
TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING.
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